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2. AS WITH HIS PREDECESSOR THREE WEEKS PREVIOUSLY  
(REF A), I PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO INTERIOR MINISTER  
ANTONIO TROCCOLI DECEMBER 26. THE FIRST OF A ROUND  
OF FORMAL CALLS ON THE CABINET AND OTHER SENIOR  
GOVERNMENT FIGURES, THE TALK WITH TROCCOLI BECAME A  
HIGHLY USEFUL BUSINESS MEETING ON NARCOTICS (SEPTEL).  
BUT I WAS ABLE TO REGISTER WITH HIM OUR CONTINUING  
DEEP INTEREST IN KNOWING THE FATES OF TWO AND POSSIBLY  
THREE AMERICANS WHO DISAPPEARED IN THE DIRTY WAR --  
THE HUNT, AROZARENA AND MOTTA CASES. I ASKED THAT  
THE NEW GOVERNMENT ALSO TRY TO CLARIFY THE FACTS AND  
BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF  
JOHN EGAN, OUR CONSULAR AGENT IN CORDOBA WHO WAS  
KIDNAPPED AND KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN 1975. I TOLD  
HIM ALL FOUR CASES ARE THE SUBJECT OF ONE OF OUR

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THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SUBVERSION IS OVER AND THE REGIME WHICH WAGED IT IS GONE, I SAID. I HOPED THE NEW GOVERNMENT COULD NOW UNCOVER THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS.

3. TROCCOLI FOLLOWED MY REMARKS WITH CLOSE INTEREST AND SAID HE WILL DO WHAT HE CAN. THE DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF PRESSURES FROM ALL SIDES ON THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO CLEAR UP THE TRAGIC RESIDUE OF THE DIRTY WAR. JUST PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL, HE SAID FRIENDS OF RICARDO OBREGON CANO (REF B) HAD BEEN IN TO ASK HIS INTERCESSION WITH THE COURTS ON BEHALF OF THE JAILED FORMER EXILE. "THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO AND SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T", TROCCOLI SIGHED, INDICATING THAT OBREGON CANO'S CASE FALLS INTO THE LATTER CATEGORY.

4. TROCCOLI IS FEELING HEAT ALONG THE SAME LINES FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. THEY TOO WANT PROMPT EXECUTIVE ACTION, BUT ON THEIR DEMANDS FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE FATE OF THOUSANDS OF DISAPPEARED, EVEN IF IT SHORTCUTS RECOURSE TO THE LAW AND DUE PROCESS. TROCCOLI SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 4,500 CASES OF WELL-DOCUMENTED DISAPPEARANCES ATTRIBUTED TO THE SECURITY FORCES, PLUS ANOTHER 1,000 OR SO THAT ARE COMPARABLE. FROM THIS 6,000, CLAIMS ARE MAGNIFIED BY SOME ORGANIZATIONS -- HE MENTIONED THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO -- TO AS HIGH AS 20,000 OR 30,000. THEY WANT SWEEPING INVESTIGATIONS AND JUDGMENTS, HE SAID. LACKING PROOF, "THEY DEMAND A SORT OF POPULAR JUSTICE" WHICH THEY BELIEVE OBIVIATES THE NEED TO SEEK

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